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Sir:

Please consider this paper in response to the Notice to Applicant of July 16, 2002. Please amend the above-referenced Reissue application as follows:

The proposed new Claim 31 is hereby being presented entirely underlined including the number 31 as required in the communication: